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Dear General Dougher:

Thank you for your letter of 12 February 1959 in which you described your plans for establishing a procedure for interchanging information at the working level within the Intelligence Community.

The results of your program when fully established on a community wide basis should be most rewarding. Perhaps the program will augment to a considerable degree the current exchange of information now taking place in the monthly Air Force Working Group Meetings. I refer of course to the AFCEC Working Groups on Aircraft and Armaments, and Guided Missiles and Astronautics. Incidentally our participation in these meetings has proved to be extremely beneficial to our analysts.

I have two suggestions that I would like to make concerning our part in the exchange of information with AFCEC; first, that the exchange be entirely upon an analyst to analyst basis; and second, that the views expressed be considered unofficial and not necessarily representing the official position of this office. By operating on this basis the exchange will not become a burden, and a free exchange of opinions and informal discussions will be insured, which as you suggest may result in more timely solutions to intelligence problems.

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